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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. DCM CHESLAW AND ECON COUNSELOR CALLED JULY 26 ON ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY MANZOOR CHOUDHURY TO URGE BDG SUPPORT AT ECOSOC FOR US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. CHOUDHURY, IN ADDITION TO RESPONSIBILITIES AS NUMBER TWO OFFICER IN MFA, SERVES AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND UN AFFAIRS. REAZ RAHMAN OF THAT OFFICE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MEETING.

2. DCM PRESENTED US VIEWS PER REFTEL (A), LEFT PAPER DRAW FROM PARA 2, AND URGED PROMPT INSTRUCTION TO BDG DELEGATION GENEVA TO SUPPORT US PROPOSAL.

3. MANZOOR CHOUDHURY ASKED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP THIS PROPOSAL TO NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND WAS ASSURED OF RELIANCE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO DEFINE OFFENSES PER PARA 2(D). CHOUDHURY
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ALSO NOTED "INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL" ASPECT OF

PROPOSAL OF SUBSTIUTE A GENERAL STUDY OF CORRUPT PRACTICES.

4. WHILE COURTEOUS IN RECEIVING DEMARCHE AND AGREEABLE TO STUDYING
ISSUE, CHOUDHURY DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY TO REQUEST TO INSTRUCT
BDG DELEGATION IN GENEVA. ON BASIS EARLIER EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND
OTHER SIMILAR APPROACHES IN PAST (E.G., REFTEL B) WE DOUBT MFA WILL
INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION FURTHER ON THIS POINT. HERE AGAIN, AS IN SO
MANY ISSUES WHERE THE BDG DOES NOT PERCEIVE ITS NATIONAL
INTERESTS DIRECTLY ENGAGED, THE DELEGATION IS NOT LIKELY TO RECEIVE
INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL DOUBTLESS FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY OF
ITS COLLEAGUES IN THE GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN.
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